

Service Date: November 5, 1993

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER OF MONTANA-DAKOTA)	UTILITY DIVISION
UTILITIES COMPANY, Consolidated)	
Applications Pertaining to Gas)	DOCKET NO. 93.4.19
Costs, Gas Cost Tracking)	
Procedure, and Gas Tariffs.)	ORDER NO. 5737a

INTERIM ORDER

1. On October 18, 1993 Montana-Dakota Utilities Company (MDU) filed before the Montana Public Service Commission (PSC) a Request for Interim Tariff Changes applicable to original Docket No. 93.4.15 (April 27, 1993, request for revisions to tariff language and methods of determining heating value and assumed atmospheric pressure, all to reflect effects of FERC Order 636) and original Docket No. 93.4.19 (April 27, 1993, request for revisions to tracker mechanism to reflect effects of FERC Order 636).

2. MDU's October 18, 1993, request adopts the provisions of the April 27, 1993, filing in Docket No. 93.4.15, with some modification. The requested tariff changes affect Rate 71 (small interruptible general gas service), Rate 83 (standby gas ser-

vice), Rates 81, 82, and 84 (transportation service), Rate 85 (large interruptible general gas service), Rate 100 (general provisions), heating value calculations, and atmospheric pressure designation.

3. MDU's October 18, 1993, request modifies the provisions of the April 27, 1993, filing in Docket No. 93.4.19. The requested tariff changes affect Rate 88 (gas cost tracking adjustment procedure).

4. The PSC will not summarize the changes. The filed changes approved are incorporated herein and adopted by these references: for tariffs identified in paragraph 2, above, MDU's submitted "Tariffs Reflecting Proposed Changes," Exhibit A, April 27, 1993, Application, Docket No. 93.4.15, as modified by MDU's submitted Appendix A, October 18, 1993, Request for Interim Tariff Changes; for changes relating to heat value and atmospheric pressure, the explanation contained in MDU's submitted pages 6 and 7, Application, transmittal letter, April 27, 1993, Docket No. 93.4.15; and for the tariff identified in paragraph 3, above, MDU's submitted Appendix B, October 18, 1993, Request for Interim Tariff Changes.

5. MDU's request should be granted on an interim basis. There is no apparent good cause not to do so. The requested

changes clearly appear necessary at this time and should be in effect pending final determination on the merits.

6. This Interim Order, granted pursuant to Section 69-3-304, MCA, in all regards is interim only. It accommodates MDU's orderly and timely transition to meet the effects of FERC Order 636. It is not a final determination on any proposed change or related issue or a final approval of any argument. No provision of this Interim Order is final in nature. Any request by MDU to the contrary, expressed or implied, is denied.

ORDER

1. MDU's October 18, 1993, Request for Interim Tariff Changes is GRANTED, as qualified by the above provisions, to be effective November 1, 1993.

Done and dated this 1st day of November, 1993, by a vote of 5-0.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BOB ANDERSON, Chairman

BOB ROWE, Vice Chairman

DAVE FISHER, Commissioner

NANCY MCCAFFREE, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: Any interested party may request the Commission to reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.